(c) and (d) Some violations came to notice. The following actions have been taken to minimize the violation:

(i) Deployment of more personnel from Consultant to supervise the toll operations and note down the violations.

(ii) Deployment of more security personnel to stop violating vehicles and to have increased vigil.

(iii) Installation of CCTV cameras to monitor activities of toll collectors.

(iv) Installation of Boom barriers to regulate the traffic and stop violating vehicles.

(v) Imposition of penalties on contractor for any violations noted.

(e) and (f) An audit by M/s. Price Water-House Coopers based on 72 hours special study pointed out certain deficiencies in Operator's Toll collection system and suggested certain meaures. Most of the measures suggested by M/s Price Water-House have been implemented.

The consultant has also conduced audit and certain shortfalls have been obserced. A show cause notice has been served on the operator by the consultant in this regard.

Deteriorating condition of National Highways

3229. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the deteriorating situation of National Highways in general and Delhi-Jaipur sector in particular; and

(b) if so, what steps Government are taking to improve it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) and (b) National Highways are being kept in traffic worthy condition within the available resources. However, some damages to National Highways including Kotputli-Amer section of NH-8 on Delhi-Jaipur sector due to recent rains/floods have been reported. Extensive repair/rehabilitation/ reconstruction works on the damaged stretches have been carried out to make the road in traffic worthy condition.